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CDC Reports Largest Infant Mortality Rate Increase in 20 Years

U.S. infant mortality increased by 3% in the period between 2021 to 2022, based on data collected by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Restricted healthcare access and economic instability during the COVID-19 pandemic may have played a role, according to a report from the National Center for Health Statistics.

By Angelo DePalma, Ph.D.

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U.S. infant mortality from all causes rose 3% in the year 2021 to 2022 — the first increase since 2001, according to a report from the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS).

The trend represents a sharp reversal, as between 2000 and 2020, infant deaths decreased by 21%.

Danielle Ely, Ph.D., a co-author of the NCHS report, told Decatur, Illinois, TV station WAND he wasn't sure if the increase was an anomaly or the start of a new, disturbing trend.

"The study provides a description of some of the basic relationships between risk factors and infant mortality rates," said Ely, adding that it was just a "first step in determining what is going on with infant health in our country."

Ely suggested the study could be "used to identify some of the higher risk subgroups, which might be used later on for prevention efforts."

The only conclusion evident from the NCHS data is that something changed in 2021 — but what?

An NBC News analysis mentioned three possibilities: healthcare access, the overturn of national abortion rights and COVID-19 stress.

Dr. Tracey Wilkinson at the Indiana University School of Medicine told NBC that the increase in infant mortality was a consequence of the 2022 U.S. Supreme Court decision that transferred control over abortion from the federal government back to the states.

This position follows from two premises: Fewer infants would die if more fetuses were aborted, and most abortions occur in women already disadvantaged in some way, and therefore with suboptimal healthcare access.

Women in their twenties accounted for 57% of U.S. abortions in 2020, more than half of abortions were among nonwhites and 86% occurred in unmarried women. Close to 60% of women undergoing abortions are either poor or at risk for poverty. But the fact that rates went

up for whites but much less for Blacks negates Wilkinson's argument.

The NCHS report calls out four "red" states — Georgia, Iowa, Missouri and Texas — with statistically significant mortality increases of 13%, 30%, 16% and 8%, respectively, as the only jurisdictions with increases of statistical significance.

However, the report didn't mention blue-state Delaware with a 57% increase, or Maine, where numbers rose by 27%, and why these increases, which were large relative to other states' data, were not noteworthy.

Healthcare access and COVID-19 stress are related since the study period occurred at the height of the pandemic when telemedicine was mainstreamed at the expense of in-person care.

Dr. Pat Gabbe, a clinical professor of pediatrics at Ohio State University, told NBC that some telemedicine may not have served all pregnant women equally well.

"Every time we've measured infant mortality, it has trended down, and what's changed? Covid. It's disrupted all the community support we developed that helped women access prenatal care."

The pandemic also led to job loss and economic instability, causing people to lose employer-provided health coverage.

One possible change between 2021 and 2020 was the availability of gene therapy products to prevent COVID-19 (vaccinations). The mRNA products were not authorized for pediatric use until June 2022, and only for children 6 months or older, so their direct impact on infant mortality likely was minimal (the study period looked at 2021-2022).

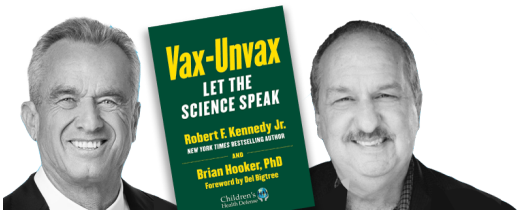
But the NCHS analysis focused on maternal and not infant risk factors: The outcome was infant death, the input or "intervention" was the mother's vaccination status.

The COVID-19 vaccines were authorized for pregnant women in April 2021, so vaccination could have affected the survivability of their fetuses and newborns within the study period.

However, the NCHS found that Blacks were more than 3 times more likely than whites to refuse vaccination, and also experienced a much smaller increase in infant mortality.

Asian Americans were 56% more likely than whites to refuse vaccination and their mortality rates improved.

RFK Jr. and Brian Hooker's *New* Book: "Vax-Unvax"



Highlights from the report:

- The infant mortality rate in 2022 was 5.60 per 1,000 live births, up from 5.44 in 2021, a 3% increase over 2021.
- Categories with notable increases were neonatal (3%, from 3.49 to 3.58) and postneonatal (age less than 4 weeks) infants (from 1.95 to 2.02, or 4%) and Native American and Alaskan children (7.46 to 9.06).
- Smaller increases were observed for children of white mothers (4.36 to 4.52), Blacks (10.55 to 10.86), Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islanders (7.76 to 8.50), and Hispanics (4.79 to 4.88).
- A drop from 3.69 to 3.50 for children of Asian American mothers was not statistically significant, but the rise from 5.15 to 5.37 for infants born to women ages 25-29 was. No other maternal age experienced a meaningful change.
- Mortality rose slightly for most preterm (less than 37 weeks of gestation) categories, with significant differences for all preterms analyzed together and for early preterm (less than 34 weeks of gestation) infants, but increases were not statistically significant for any other preterm group.
- Compared to 2021, 2022 infant deaths fell significantly in one U.S. state — Nevada — but rose significantly in Georgia, Iowa, Missouri and Texas. Changes in the remaining states and the District of Columbia were not statistically significant.
- Small declines were also noted for low birth weight babies, those with complications of the umbilical cord or placenta, and children with circulatory or bleeding issues.
- Of the 10 leading causes of infant mortality, most were unchanged statistically from 2021 to 2022. The largest increases were for newborn sepsis (+14%) and maternal complications (+9%). Circulatory diseases (-10%), umbilical cord or placental abnormalities (-5%) and short gestation (-3%) decreased.

"The reported increase in infant mortality rates is disturbing and disappointing," said Dr. Sandy L. Chung, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics, through her organization's media department.

"We live in a country with abundant resources. Yet the infant mortality rate in the United States is shockingly high. There are many different reasons for this. We do know that families in poverty face many challenges including access to nutritious food and affordable healthcare. Racial and ethnic disparities related to accessible healthcare — including prenatal health services — are just one of the many possible reasons for lower birth weights of babies and sometimes, infant deaths."

Chung was likely referring to ethnic outcome disparities reported by NCHS, but the report summary linked above does not mention poverty, disadvantaged status or socioeconomics. Plus the mortality increase for children of Black mothers was small and not statistically significant, while the 4% increase for children of white mothers was.

Since not all members of ethnic minorities are poor, a separate analysis would be required to untangle the more complex relationship between ethnicity, income or disadvantaged status and the ability to access health services.

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holisticpoet

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I would bet my bottom dollar that if you removed all the women who were took the jab, the increase in the death rates would not have changed. There will be no interest in finding out if this information is true. There is too much money at stake in lawsuits that could ruin the vaccine manufactures and they have too many politicians and scientist in their pocket for any negative information to come to light. Once again it is the people who must bare the burden of finding the truth. We all know that government and industry will do all they can to keep us uninformed.

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GarySummers → holisticpoet

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The USA "Oligarchy", CIA/Military Industrial Complex, Big Pharma, Wall Street, will never let the Truth Out! 'We are just Peasants to them!'

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The pharmaceutical industry is one of the largest moneymakers in the world, with more than a trillion dollars in profits every year. It's an industry that heavily influences our healthcare system, yet, it only profits when people are sick. Many people don't realize that there's no money made off healthy people.
https://learntherisk.org/ph...

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Or maybe because pregnant women were forced to vaccinate even more than usual?

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Especially in those 4 or 5 States Mentioned…. But “No Mandates” were inferred…?

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"COVID mRNA Vaccine Injury Series: *Stillbirths Near Due Date* in Normal Pregnancy" Pregnant women given "NO INFORMED CONSENT" with COVID-19 mRNA Vaccination; 18 recent cases of unexpected baby death - 37 more after Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 mRNA - 55 Stillbirths Total.

April 17, 2023 – Michael Sachs is a US Marine and his wife Anita Sachs is an active-duty member of the US Navy. Anita was forced by the US Navy to get a COVID-19 Vaccine when she was 6 months pregnant. A month before their baby was due, the baby was still born. Now she is struggling with infertility.
https://www.globalresearch....

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More Deceit and Deception.! So called Experts in this Report state, “A possible explanation” could be “ Restricted Health care access”….. No! (Clutching at Straws.)
“Economic Instability a Possibility” …..No! (We talking about Babies.)
From 2000 to 2021 a 21% decline…… One Year 2021 to 2022 a 3% ^Reversal..?
Then a Comment from the “Brains Trust” (Danielle Ely Ph D)
“Not sure What changed in 2021”…… Really… where were you? Are you a Dr…?
Could be an Anomaly..? Or New Disturbing Trend…?
But the Real Doozie of a comment is…… “Fewer Infants would Die, if More Foetuses were Aborted…?” What an Expert.! ….In the Idiot category …!
What is very vague, is that yet again, only %’s (percentages) are used…which means Nothing, when talking about Baby Fatalities.
To get a % result….. you have to have 2 Figures (Quantity’s) Before /After to get the % difference….
So Why Not Show us the Figures…?
They are Dancing around the fact that Vaxxines administered to Pregnant women, caused Adverse effects, even “Spontaneous Abortion” in some poor Unfortunate’s.
Look at the End of this report ! The Damage to Placenta’s and Umbilical cords ?

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Years after the fact, they are still trying to hide the Truth…!
No amount of Gobbledegook and "New Speak" can hide the fact we have a Nuremberg 2 case here, for Crimes Against Humanity…!
Now "Dr" Bill Gates, want to Sterilise 86 million young African Females, 'cus They Breed like Flies…!
Eugenics is upon Us. Depopulation is the Agenda.

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Iset : Navigium Isidis → Paul Hastilow
2 days ago
I agree 100% with you

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Mel R
3 days ago
Very low percentage (relatively) of infants were given the covid shot. I'm sure pharma hoped it would be higher, a lot higher, but parents are reluctant to give the newborns the shot(s) they took enthusiastically

In the 1990s, I learned that Japan stopped given kids 2 years and younger vaccines. SIDS just about disappeared entirely. In the US during the pandemic lockdown, fewer of the "traditional" vaccines were administered, and fewer adverse events and SIDS deaths were reported.
https://childrenshealthdefe...
Where the number of reports of adverse events (AEs) for infants 2 and under was consistently above 4,000 for 2016 to 2019, in 2020, it dropped to just 2,303 — approximately half the number seen in previous years.

Interestingly, there has been a precipitous drop in Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) reports as well, as seen in the figure below. Where the rate of reporting of SIDS between 2014 and 2019 is approximately 20, in 2020, it drops by 75% to just 5 reports.
This is by far the lowest yearly number recorded in the history of VAERS, where the second-lowest was 13 incidents recorded in both 2008 and 2009.

Five years ago, it was reported that Japan had one of the lowest IMR after stopping vaccines on infants. With the new shots given in Japan, that might have reversed.
https://vaccineimpact.com/2...
September 2, 2018 Japan has the Lowest Infant Mortality Rate Following Ban on Mandatory Vaccination

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Pat

3 days ago

When children are aborted, the mortality rate is 100%!

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T

tony

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Nothing to see here… must just be a GIANT coincidence - uh huh

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Bill H RRT

2 days ago

Honestly, compare the mortality rates here to other countries not subjegated to vaccine mandates, and schedules. You will not find any studies because the results would be embarrasing to Big Pharma. They wouldn't put themselves in that predicament.

Its hard to say ignore the advice from your own physician, but you are your own advocate for your health. There really isn't anyone looking out for you (family withstanding) in an enviroment that cares about profit over health. The US is one of two countries in the entire world where pharmacuticals are actively sold to you on your tv, phone, laptop, et al, day in and day out.

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"RFK Jr. Wins Case Against Government For Vaccine Safety Violations"

RFK Jr Wins Case Against Government for Vaccine Safety Violations – Robert F Kennedy Jr. teamed up with Del Bigtree of the Informed Consent Action Network to take on the Department of Health and Human Services for vaccine safety violations and they have won. Their lawsuit has brought forth evidence that "vaccine safety has been neglected for over 30 years", and as we know it is nothing but a sham, showing that the government agencies we are to trust are not doing their jobs to ensure and improve the safety of immunizations.
https://lotusrainclinic.com...

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last time I went to the drug store, I did not know where I was anymore, I though Pfizer

purchased the whole Rite aid store

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Peter van der Stam

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The age of ?? imunisation ?? jabs should not be 6 months and not 4 or 5 so called vaccines in one shot.
When children a about 4 years they have a ?? decent ?? immune system from themselves.
But big pHARMa and Billy wanting to get rid of as many people as possible, don't want to know about this.

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Dawn → Peter van der Stam

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Amen, AMEN. At least in the US, after age 5 even the government vaccination schedule drops a boatload of jabs off the 'needed' list. AND every single state needs to allow exemptions.

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W **Whisper**

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As someone who works with moms and babies daily, there is a lot to unpack here. There has definitely been a decrease in the quality of care from healthcare providers on a large scale in the last several years. This may be attributed to the vaccine mandates forcing unvaccinated healthcare workers out of the field, leaving the remaining staff to be overworked and burnt out. Thoughts?

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Dawn → Whisper

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I'm sure that's part of it for sure. Another one, IMHO, is the medical schools are turning out non-thinking robots for young docs.

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G **GarySummers** → Dawn

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Plus many have Sold their Souls to 'Big Pharma'!

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right , very dark apocalyptic times

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"She was 'Spot On', coming for the Children"!
#3:20 MM Mark! *Sharing Is Caring*

'Tricia Lindsay most 'powerful speech' of this year already!'

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a day ago edited

The children have been used for decades for vaccinations. I received maybe 10 when I was in grade school. The CDC schedule for children today is 7x that.

My side effects from them is asthma. Auto-ammune permanent inflammation. My wife is older than myself, and she has RA. Another auto-ammune permanent inflammation. All we can do is reduce the amount of inflammation.

Our "rights" are unfortunately superceded by corporate money and continued interests in their own narratives for unending profit. There has to be an unprecendented movement to upend the corporations that has unfair influence in Congress.

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The USA "Oligarchy", 'CIA/Military Industrial Complex', 'Big Pharma', and 'Wall Street!'

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Rob Delisa

19 hours ago

I would be absolutely shocked if the infant mortality death rate was higher just 20 years ago.

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